

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Orbits et al.

Examiner: *Abel J. J. J.* Not Assigned #4

Application No.: 09/917,261

Group Art Unit: 2175

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RELIABLY REPLICATING DATA

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 28, 2002.

By: *[Signature]*Name: *John Whitaker*PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 10, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$1,390.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Dated: 2/28/02

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